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Global Ship Lease Announces Investor Meetings Ahead of Proposed Notes Offering

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LONDON, Oct. 09, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) (the "Company" or "Global Ship Lease") announced today that it has mandated advisors to arrange a series of investor meetings relating to a proposed notes offering. The Company anticipates that an offering of U.S. dollar-denominated, non-registered, 5-year, first priority secured bonds in aggregate principal amount of between \$350 and \$400 million and having customary high-yield bond covenants will follow, subject to market conditions.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from any notes offering, together with borrowings under a new super senior secured term loan facility, to refinance the Company's existing first priority secured notes due 2019 and repay all outstanding borrowings under, and terminate, each of the Company's existing revolving credit facility and existing secured term loan.

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About Global Ship Lease

Global Ship Lease is a containership charter owner. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under mainly long-term, fixed-rate charters to top tier container liner companies.

Global Ship Lease owns 18 vessels with a total capacity of 82,312 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, at August 31, 2017 of 12.7 years. All 18 vessels are currently fixed on time charters, 15 of which are with CMA CGM. The average remaining term of the charters at August 31, 2017 is 3.0 years or 3.3 years on a TEU weighted basis, taking into account the two charter extensions announced on September 11, 2017 and the re-delivery of the *OOCL Tianjin*, which is expected to take place on October 28, 2017 following notice received from the charterer.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements provide the Company's current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about the Company's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "ongoing," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "will" or similar words or phrases, or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected or implied by the forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the factors described in "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F and the factors and risks the Company describes in subsequent reports filed from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. New risks can emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for the Company to predict all such risks, nor can the Company assess the impact of all such risks on its business or the extent to which any risks, or combination of risks and other factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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